

**Subject:** Today's Press - November 3, 2004

*Below are highlights of today's press. Please use the papers' web sites to see the whole articles. If you want an article from the Wall Street Journal, call Susie Elwanger at (360) 236-4027. This message goes to all members of the Senior Management Team and the Program Management Team. Please distribute it more broadly in your office if you wish.*

### [USA TODAY](#)

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No DOH related news.

### **WALL STREET JOURNAL**

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*HONG KONG REPORTS FIRST CASE OF AVIAN FLU IN 10 MONTHS*  
*Hong Kong reported its first case of bird flu in 10 months amidst stepped-up measures by Chinese authorities to quell future outbreaks of infectious diseases.*

### [SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER](#)

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[YEARLY FLU SHOT PAYS OFF, STUDY SHOWS](#)  
Around the country, tens of thousands of senior citizens have hunted down and lined up for flu vaccinations over the past several weeks, with many turned away at the clinic doors.

### [EATING FRUITS, VEGETABLES GOOD FOR THE HEART](#)

A multiyear study involving more than 100,000 participants provides added support that eating lots of fruit and vegetables is good for the heart. But the analysis failed to show similar benefits for cancer.

### [PANEL OKS SCHOOL WATER PLAN](#)

After months of deliberation, a Seattle School Board committee yesterday approved a drinking-water policy that goes far beyond U.S. Environmental Protection Agency limits for lead and other contaminants.

### [SEATTLE TIMES](#)

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[GUIDING KING COUNTY'S BUDGET THROUGH THE HEALTH-CARE CRISIS \(Opinion by Ron Sims, no link\)](#)  
Last month, I unveiled a \$3.2 billion budget before the Metropolitan King County Council as a blueprint for health people, a healthy environment and healthy communities.

### [THE NEWS TRIBUNE \(TACOMA\)](#)

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[FLU VACCINE SPOILS IN HOSPITAL'S FRIDGE](#)  
Nearly 1,900 doses of the scarce flu vaccine spoiled when a refrigerator broke down, the second batch at the same hospital to be ruined in a month. The egg-based vaccine had been given to 300 patients and 725 doctors and staff members at West Allis Memorial Hospital. Another 850 doses were discarded because it may have lost its effectiveness

### [SPOKESMAN REVIEW](#)

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## OLYMPIAN

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### OUR VIEWS: DRUG PLAN MAKES SENSE

*Washington residents will now be able to save money on their prescription drug bills by buying them from Canadian pharmacies. In defiance of the Bush administration, Gov. Gary Locke has created a Web partnership with Canadian pharmacies so Washington state seniors and others struggling to pay for expensive drugs can get them at a lower cost. "I've long worked to make health care and prescription drugs affordable for the people of Washington, especially our senior citizens," Locke said. "Caring for our seniors is a paramount duty for all of us."*

### GREGOIRE, ROSSI CLOSE

Democrat Christine Gregoire held a slender lead over Republican Dino Rossi late Tuesday, giving Democrats a chance to extend their hold on power in Olympia to 24 years. Elections officials said it could be a few days before the winner can be declared with certainty.

### RUPTURED MAIN CUTS WATER IN TUMWATER

Most of the city lost water service briefly Tuesday afternoon when a water main broke, flooding a block with about half a million gallons of water. A contractor replacing city sewer lines on Seventh Avenue and I Street hit the main, which feeds Tumwater's 4-million-gallon reservoir, around 2:45 p.m.

## YAKIMA-HERALD REPUBLIC

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No DOH related news.

## TRI-CITY HERALD

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## WASHINGTON POST

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## NEW YORK TIMES

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### THE FLU KILLS, BUT DOCUMENTS RARELY LIST IT AS THE KILLER

The threat, not well understood outside the medical community, has been rendered with authoritative starkness since news broke of the flu vaccine shortage. Lives are at risk. Every year, we are told, influenza kills multitudes of vulnerable people, and the death toll is often repeated: 36,000 die annually in the United States alone. The lethal efficiency of the flu has come as a surprise to many, it turns out, because almost no one is ever officially classified as dying of influenza.